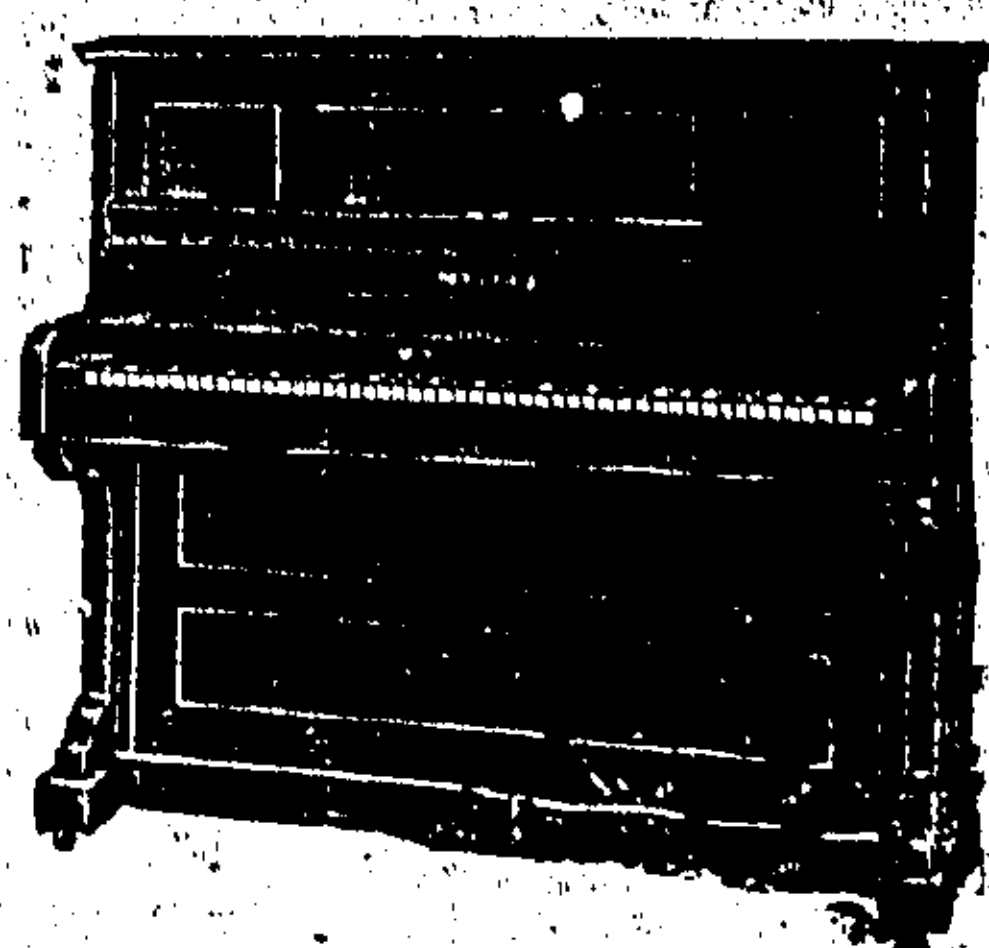




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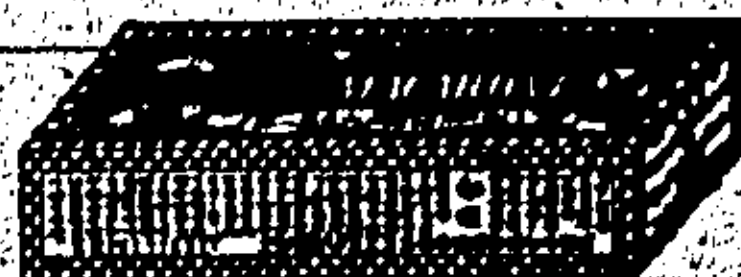
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THEATRE CHARGES AT SHANGHAI. A PROTEST.

The following note is from *N. C. Daily News*:

It is not surprising that protests have been raised against the announced charge of six and five dollars for Miss Marie Tempest's season at the Lyceum, and we think that her manager will certainly be well advised to revert to the ordinary charges. Miss Tempest is staying here for between a fortnight and three weeks, and there is no question but that her visit has been looked forward to with great pleasure. But frankly we do not think her season will succeed if these charges stand. People simply will not pay them more than once or twice, and there are not enough theatre-goers in Shanghai to provide new audiences for every night. The Russian Opera Company's failure is not quite a fair standard, because opera appeals to a more limited audience than does comedy. But the recollection of Mr. Matheson Lang's visit will certainly cause unfavourable comparisons to be made. Mr. Matheson Lang played costume plays, necessitating much baggage and heavy scenery, all costly to transport. Miss Marie Tempest plays modern comedy, in which one or two dresses and any scenery might serve the whole programme; we do not see why it is what she is doing, we merely mention the difference between Shakespeare and modern comedy on the score of cost. Of course, expenses are higher, now-a-days, but so is exchange, and outside China most of Miss Tempest's expenses must be on a gold basis. We think the management would do well in its own interest to revert to the ordinary tariff.

DAYLIGHT SAVING AT SHANGHAI.

CHINESE OBJECTIONS.

The Bureau of Taxes has issued an order to the Shanghai Maritime Customs not to advance the clock one hour as the summer time, on the ground that this arrangement has proved prejudicial to the efficient performance of duties by the Observatory officials. The Central Observatory at Peking petitioned the Government against this innovation last summer, but as the clock had already been advanced one hour then, the summer time was allowed to stand. This year, the Observatory petitioned the Ministry of Education in advance, pointing out the many inconveniences and chaotic confusion caused not only to itself, but also to the post office, the railway administration, and many Chinese merchants. It is desired, it says, the Customs can begin its duties an hour earlier in the coming summer without tampering with the clock.

The Ministry of Education, in forwarding the petition to the Shu-chun, for decision, expressed the opinion that the Observatory's contention was not made without practical knowledge.

The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai has received a letter signed jointly by several of its members, also strongly vetoing the adoption of the summer time again this year.

MOTOR TRANSPORT IN MANCHURIA.

SINO-AMERICAN VENTURE.

According to a Mukden message to the *Taisho Nishi Nishi*, the scheme for opening a motor transport service between Changchun and Harbin, and in Kirin province, which has been under consideration by Messrs. Anderson, Meyer & Co., is about to materialise. Already five motor cars, each capable of loading freight weighing five tons, have been sent to Mukden, where they are under trial. Mr. Baker, formerly the American Consul-General at Mukden, is also working for the establishment of a motor transport company under the joint management with the Chinese, its prospective sphere of operations being between Siumintun and Chengchiatun.

JAPAN AND THE DARDANELLES.

OTHER POWERS REFUSE CLAIM.

Viscount Chinda, the Japanese Ambassador to Britain, proposed to the Premier's Conference Japan's participation in the international control of the Dardanelles. In spite of his persistent assertion of the claim, the opposition of Britain, France, and Italy to the proposal was not overcome, and it was eventually decided that Japan should be excluded from participation. It appears, however, that the Japanese Ambassador has obtained from these Powers a pledge that the interests according to the Powers concerning the passage through the Straits should be equal. It is believed that the negotiations on this head were brought to an end on condition that any fresh point raised by Viscount Chinda on the question acting under instructions from his Government should be earnestly considered by the Premier's Conference.

SUPERSTITION AND MURDER.

STRANGE TALE FROM KOREA.

A Seoul dispatch to the *Jiji* says that the other day, some adherents of a native cult known as Funchi-kyo, which took part in the Independence disturbances last year, murdered a little girl in accordance with some superstitious belief of their religious faith, at Chyungdo, North Kyung-sang province. On learning the news, the local police station immediately sent policemen to the scene of the crime, to arrest the murderers. Strong resistance was offered to the constables and one of the police official was killed, another receiving serious wounds. The police were consequently greatly reinforced, and the arrest of the criminals was finally effected, though in arresting them the police shot two of them.

THE MURDER IN HONAN. A BRAVE MAN'S END.

HOW DR. MENZIES FACED THE ROBBERS.

The Rev. Dr. McGillivray, acting secretary of the Christian Literature Society, has received the following graphic account of the murder of Dr. Menzies at Huai-king, Honan:

The missionaries at Huai-king had a fearful experience on the night of March 17th. Just about 10 o'clock, while the single ladies were preparing for bed, they heard a great smashing of glass, and looking over the balustrade of the stairs, they saw a band of Chinese forcing their way into the house by smashing the door. The two ladies fled at once, each to her own room and locked the door. One of the ladies made her way out through a window on to the flat kitchen roof at the rear of the house and began calling loudly for help, and then hid herself on the outside verandah.

The other was not so fortunate; the men who turned out to be robbers, seized hold of her and demanded that she should show them where the money was kept. There were about 30 of them altogether, and soon they had every drawer out and every trunk turned upside down.

Meanwhile Dr. Menzies, who lived in a different section of the compound, heard the loud call for help, and ran quickly along calling out, "What is the matter?" One of the ladies replied "robbers." "Many or few?" the doctor asked. "Many," the lady replied.

Then Dr. Menzies said, "I am not armed, but—" and he made a rush for the gate and grappled with him. This robber at once began shouting for the others to come and get out quick, and there was a general alarm all over the compound.

By this time the other male missionary heard the alarm and came running along only to find Dr. Menzies lying on the ground moaning and the robbers gone. He had been shot in three places, and one of the shots, being in the abdomen, was fatal. In about half-an-hour the brave Dr. Menzies was dead.

Soon soldiers from the city, mounted on foot, appeared on the scene, and learning the direction in which the robbers had made their escape, set off in hot pursuit, but failed to find any trace of them.

Next morning at daybreak an early riser found a man dead in a field, a hundred yards from the compound. This man had evidently been killed by one of the shots intended for the doctor, and probably was the one the doctor had grappled with.

NO ANTI-JOBBING FEELING.
No one else received any injuries, though all seven ladies and Mr. Slimmon are suffering more or less from shock.

The robbers were armed with sticks, save one who carried a pistol. From their demands it was evident that their object was simply to rob, and as the whole region has long been infested, especially to the doctor and his work, it is clear that the attack was not due to anti-foreign feeling. The doctor would be the last man to be the object of their hatred, and he was shot in the darkness simply because he had grappled with the first man he met in going to the rescue. Mr. Uden, Vice-Consul, arrived at the scene shortly after the tragedy, and also the Deputy of the Governor of Honan.

THE SHANGHAI MARCH SETTLEMENT.

SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS.

It has been generally stated during the past two or three weeks, says the *N. C. Daily News*, that the Stock Exchange March Settlement, which takes place on March 30th, would be satisfactorily arranged, and the latest information available confirms this view. The transactions for this settlement are very nearly if not quite as large as those for that of three months ago, and one estimate puts the amount required to finance it as high as Tls. 20,000,000. We have no knowledge of the accuracy of this figure. The principal point about the forthcoming settlement is that conditions are much more favourable for its arrangement, and we understand that several days ago a great many details had been concluded.

The principal factor in rendering the settlement easy of putting through has been the additional amount of silver available. This has brought down rates for loans to a substantial extent, enabling shares to be carried forward. The lack of easy money up to a few weeks ago was causing certain misgivings, which have now been dispelled. The number of transactions for cash which have occurred recently—owing to the plentifulness of money among the Chinese—has had its effect on the situation.

Hongkong is not interested in the settlement to so great an extent as it was in December. Exchange has gone against Hongkong roughly to the tune of 10 points, and presuming they have the shares there, it is probable that their operations have been more in the nature of averaging.

WISHED TO SEE AMERICA.

NO WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Three Filipino youths, who alleged that they were unable to procure work in the Philippines, tried to get to America by stowing away on the *West-Asia*, which is at present in harbour. Unfortunately for the youths, the ship was searched when she left Manila and they were discovered. The youths were charged at the Magistrate's court yesterday with stowing away. They stated that they had passports, but had not paid their passages as they had no money.

Inspector Gordon stated that Filipino stowaways were coming to the Colony every other day, and it had become a perfect nuisance. He thought the best thing would be to send the boys to jail as an example to would-be offenders. Mr. Hutchinson fined each defendant \$25, with the alternative of a month's hard labour each.

THE HOUSING QUESTION AT SHANGHAI.

AN INTERESTING STATEMENT.

At the annual meeting of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., last week, Mr. E. C. Pearce, the Chairman, made the following observations in the course of his speech:

EXCHANGES ADVERSE TO BUILDING.

You will see from the report and accounts that we have not undertaken any extensive building programme since the last annual meeting of shareholders.

The year 1910 has been marked by an unprecedented rise in the value of silver and this coupled with, and perhaps the cause of, a great tightness in money has made it inexpedient to issue debentures. Even had it been possible to place any considerable quantity of debentures on the market, the price of issue would have made the interest charges too high for profitable investment by the Company. This has necessarily greatly curtailed our activities and except for the conversion into shops of certain houses in North Szechuen Road our work during the year has been confined to the upkeep and management of our existing properties.

HOUSING FOR JUNIORS.

A further reason which has caused us to refrain from any large capital expenditure was our desire to do something to meet the present shortage of houses at moderate rents. During the year we were approached by certain firms on the question of building houses to accommodate the junior members of their staffs. After considerable negotiation we now hope to come to an agreement with a number of important firms to erect detached and semi-detached four and five room houses on our leased Estate No. 31. If the negotiations now in progress are successfully concluded, a start will be made on 43 of these houses, which will be let to the firms interested, on a 25 years' lease at rents which, while giving us a fair return on our money, are reasonable for the well built up-to-date houses which are to be provided. The scheme promises to be very popular and already applications have been received from a sufficient number of additional firms to make a second start possible.

Your Directors have realized that the housing problem, especially for the young married man, is critical. The commercial welfare of Shanghai demanded that some steps should be taken to meet the situation and we are of the opinion that the arrangements we have arrived at are the best fitted to give lasting satisfaction to both landlord and tenant, and that we cannot utilize our reserves in a better way than this, which, while meeting a great public need, gives us a fair return on our capital guaranteed over a number of years.

RENTS.
Your directors have heard it rumoured during the past few years that our rents, both for Chinese and European houses, were lower than they should be. While this is not true, it is true that our rents are not as high as they should be. We have always believed that it is better to have all our premises fully let than to have a certain proportion empty with the remainder let at a slightly increased rent. With all property the presence of empty houses gives the neighbourhood an unprosperous and unattractive appearance, and premises remaining empty for a lengthened period will frequently result in adjoining houses being also vacated. Vacant property also gets into disrepair more rapidly than tenanted property.

These two last considerations are especially marked in the case of Chinese properties. But apart from this it is often lost sight of, that if a Chinese house rented at say \$8 per month be increased to \$9 per month and becomes vacant in consequence, and remains empty for say six months, it will take four years of the increase in rent to make good the six months' loss, or in 100 of such houses it is only necessary to have vacant 12 houses to nullify the increase on the remaining 88 houses. Our policy has resulted in our properties being uniformly well filled, and this often during times when empty Chinese and foreign premises were by no means uncommon.

A PROGRESSIVE POLICY.
From 1914 to 1918 no considerable increase in Chinese rents were imposed—during these years the business of the small shopkeeper (a class who occupy a large number of our houses) was far from prosperous. The less wealthy members of the Chinese community were suffering from the ever increasing cost of living and the time was certainly not opportune for any general and considerable increase in rent. It must be remembered that the Chinese are not speaking of having no real or permanent tie to Shanghai, and when they are had it takes little to drive them out of Shanghai into their native places. It is the country, a very undesirable occurrence so far as our interests are concerned. During 1918 conditions materially improved—labour was demanding, higher wages and the small shopkeeper reaped a corresponding benefit. We took advantage of this and from the second month of 1919 we increased the majority of our Chinese rents by amounts which show a total increase for 1919 over 1918 of Tls. 13,000, and as conditions remained still good during 1919 we made an advance for the 12th month of 1919 which will give a further increase for 1920 of Tls. 25,000. These two taken together are an increase of 15 per cent. on our Chinese rents.

Our policy with foreign property is substantially the same, though of course the existence of leases makes the possible increases somewhat irregular, the total amounts of increases for foreign property are, however, for 1919 Tls. 23,000, over 1918 and for 1920 Tls. 29,000 over 1919. From what I have said, it will I think be plain to you that, although we play for safety, our policy is progressive.

THE LITTLE WOODEN HUT.

The question of the erection of small houses is occupying the attention of your Board.

The P. & O. Co.'s *Albatross* left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst. at noon, and is due here on the 3rd prox. at about 9 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE. TIENTSIN BRITISH WAR MEMORIAL.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

Sir,—We shall be grateful if you will accord space in your columns to the appended letter, which we have addressed to the Press of Tientsin, and which we are anxious to bring to the notice of all former as well as present residents of Tientsin. We are, etc.

PERCY H. B. KENT
(Chairman),
H. F. HANDLEY-DERRY,
C. R. MORLING,
E. C. PETERS,
H. G. W. WOODHEAD
(Hon. Secretary).
Tientsin British War Memorial Committee.

[ENCLOSURE]

Sir,—It will be recalled that at the meeting of Britons held in the Gordon Hall on the 1st inst., it was unanimously decided to perpetuate the memory of those who fell in the Great War by the erection of a Cenotaph. The sense of the same meeting favoured strongly a further, and substantial effort in the direction of marking in a suitable manner the Allied Victory. A Committee was accordingly appointed to go into the matter and present proposals for consideration at a subsequent meeting.

The Committee have now deliberated and have unanimously decided to recommend the establishment of a Trust of which the primary aims would be to augment, where necessary, the resources of:

(a) The wives and children, the latter especially for the matter of education and start in life, and other dependants of Britons who went home from Tientsin to serve and who are numbered among the Fallen;

(b) Britons who went home from Tientsin to serve and, as a result of the War, are permanently or temporarily disabled. No doubt there would be subsidiary aims and necessarily certain reversionary trusts, into which it is not necessary to enter here.

Whether funds will admit of anything being done beyond the establishment of such a Trust, supporting the proposal to be adopted by the British Community, depends on the extent to which calls may be expected to be made upon it. It is, therefore, desirable for the Committee to be in a position to form a general idea of the amount that would be required. The possession of such information would also put them in the more satisfactory position of being able to lay before the Community a reasonably definite objective.

In these circumstances the Committee venture to ask you to invoke the assistance of your readers. Many of them will doubtless be friends of Tientsin men who have fallen or are labouring under disability from wounds. It is to be expected that some knowledge is held by such of the private circumstances of their friends coming within the orbit of the suggested trust. All such information as could be placed at the disposal of the Committee would be of the greatest assistance, and the Committee hope that it will be communicated fully and freely. It need not be added that it will be treated in every case in the most profound confidence. We are, etc.

PERCY H. B. KENT, Chairman,
H. F. HANDLEY-DERRY,
C. R. MORLING,
E. C. PETERS,
H. G. W. WOODHEAD, Hon. Sec.
Tientsin British War Memorial Committee.

MACAO NOTES.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE OPIUM CONTRACT CANCELLED.

On Saturday the opium farmers petitioned the Government to cancel their contract under which they paid to the Government over six million dollars a year for the opium monopoly in the Colony. The cancellation involves the forfeiture by the Government of the guarantee money, which amounts to over two million dollars. Opium has been the largest source of the Colony's revenue. What is the alternative?

THE STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

The constant changes in the service of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s steamers is subject of much complaint these days. The arrival of the steamer at Macao at night is very inconvenient, as after 9 o'clock cargo cannot be discharged. Not only are consignees inconvenienced, but passengers whose homes are in the country are obliged to stay overnight at Macao and cannot return by the morning boat as they were formerly accustomed to do. It is hoped that the Company will soon be able to revert to the old arrangement of having a steamer leave Macao daily at 7.30 and having one arrive from Hongkong at 3 o'clock.

THE FIRE BRIGADE.

A new motor fire engine and escape of the latest model has arrived for the Fire Brigade.

Rice continues to be dear. The Government has a Committee supplying rice to the public, but it is said that Government rice is actually dearer than that purchased in the open market. The Committee should investigate this matter and particularly study the question of weights and measures.

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The approximate statement of traffic receipts for the week ending March 27th is as follows:

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Last Year	\$13,235	\$18,535
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Superintendent.
Hongkong, March 31st, 1920. 652

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Hongkong, March 31st, 1920. 653

QUEEN'S COLLEGE FIFTH ANNUAL ATHLETIC MEETING.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS will be held at the College ground, Causeway Bay, on THURSDAY, April 1st.
The Prizes will be presented at 3.15 P.M. by Mrs. A. H. CHOW. 654

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Hongkong, March 30th, 1920. 656

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

In the Goods of LEONARD LE BRETON late of No. 11, Broadwood Road, Hongkong, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 85 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an Order limiting the time for Creditors and others to send in their claims against the above Estate to the 15th day of April 1920.
All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.
Dated the 30th day of March, 1920.
DENNIS & BOWLEY,
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Goods not cleared by April 6th, will be subject to rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be retained. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.
Hongkong, March 30th, 1920. 658

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

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DINNER DANCE FROM 8 P.M.

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AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of 8 per cent. (\$4.00 per Share) has been declared and will be payable on the 15th of April, 1920.
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DOUGLAS LARSEN & CO.,
General Managers,
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
Hongkong, March 30th, 1920. 659

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY, SATURDAY and MONDAY, April 2nd, 3rd and 5th, 1920.
Hongkong, March 29th, 1920. 648

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IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE
MASTER, HOLIDAYS.

THIS DEPARTMENT will be entirely CLOSED on GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd. It will be Opened for all purposes till Noon, on SATURDAY, 3rd, and MONDAY, 5th April, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.
C. W. BECKWITH,
Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, March 28th, 1920. 649

NOTICE.

WE beg to notify Kowloon Residents and our Customers that we have appointed ON LEE COMPTON, 24, Nathan Road, as our distributing Agent at Kowloon.

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FAVOURED with instructions from Mr. Marks, will sell by Public Auction, on THURSDAY, April 1st, 1920, at 2.15 P.M., at his Sales Room,
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Catalogues will be issued.
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INTIMATIONS

THE PHOENIX CLUB, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the PHOENIX CLUB, LIMITED, will be held in the Club Rooms, King's Building, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31st, 1920, at 6.15 P.M.
By Order of the Committee,
J. A. TARRANT,
Hon. Secretary. 603

GULA-KALUMPONG RUBBER ESTATES, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be CLOSED, from March 30th to 31st, both days inclusive.
By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,
Colonial Registrar.
Hongkong, March 29th, 1920. 614

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Hotel, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, April 7th, 1920, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1919.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, April 1st, to WEDNESDAY, April 7th, 1920, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. H. TAGGART,
Manager and Secretary.
Hongkong, March 28th, 1920. 609

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that CERTIFICATE for 4 Shares Numbers 29385/29388 issued on 11th March, 1920, in the name of Ip Fung Kwai, has been declared LOST, and should the same not be produced before the 31st March, 1920, the same shall be deemed cancelled and of no effect.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, March 28th, 1920. 607

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

A NEW CLASS for "BEGINNERS" will commence on MONDAY, April 5th, 1920, if sufficient support be forthcoming.
Application for enrolment and enquiries regarding hours of School, Fees, etc., should be made to the undersigned as early as possible.
By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 18th, 1920. 608

HANKOW BRITISH WAR MEMORIAL.

IT having been decided that the HANKOW BRITISH WAR MEMORIAL shall take the form of a marble and/or granite monument on the Bund the Committee invites those desirous of submitting designs to communicate with the undersigned from whom further particulars can be obtained.
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BIRTHS.

ATCHISON.—At Shanghai, on March 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. L. ATCHISON, a son.
BARNES.—At Shanghai, on March 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. O. J. BARNES, a daughter.
MOLONY.—At Shanghai, on March 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. J. O. MOLONY, a daughter, Kathleen Rosina Mary.
ROSS.—At Shanghai, on March 23rd, to Mr. and Mrs. ROBERT ROSS, a daughter. 612

DEATH.

LITTLE.—In England, on March 22nd, of WILLIAM DALGLISH LITTLE, in his 64th year.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. ENELL ROSSER and family tender sincere thanks to all friends for the many expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement and also for the many beautiful floral tributes sent. 651.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOEUX ROAD, C.
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 31st, 1920.

HANDICAPS TO TRADE.

THE annual report of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce and supplementary observations by the Chairman at the annual meeting on Monday embrace matters of very general interest. Prominent among them were the twin subjects of the delay in the transmission of mails and cables. What the Hon. Mr. PARR had to say on these subjects has an interest for a wider audience than the members of the Chamber of Commerce, and this larger audience will be glad to learn that these grievances have constantly had the attention of an influential organization like the Chamber of Commerce. While measures appear to have been taken by the General Post Office in London to obviate the delays in the transmission of the outward mail, about which there has been so much complaint, there is still room for very great improvement. From the fact that the Colonial Government as well as the Chamber of Commerce has been addressing enquiries to London on the subject we may cherish a hope that the importance of the matter is now appreciated in the right quarters, and that, before long, something

like pre-war-time regularity in delivery may be secured. The delay in the transmission of cables, which is operating so seriously to the prejudice of trade, is, unfortunately, not so easily to be remedied as the delay in the transmission of the mails; but the explanation of these difficulties and the measures which are being taken to overcome them, as described by the CHAIRMAN, will serve, perhaps, to relieve to some extent the impatience of the public, especially as they have the assurance that the seriousness of the situation is fully recognized by the Government and the Telegraph Company, and that there is a prospect of gradual, if rather slow, improvement.

Such questions as a Central Government Mint at Shanghai, the "ton for ton" policy, Storm Signals, the Economic Resources of the Colony, and the Rice situation are all subjects of more or less general interest, which have had the attention of the Chamber, but we miss in the Report and the CHAIRMAN'S speech any reference to a question of considerable importance which has been engaging attention at home in circles interested in the China trade—viz., a question relative to a clause which British manufacturers are inserting, or endeavouring to insert in contracts. Under this clause the right was reserved to advance prices should costs be increased from various unforeseen causes such as war, riot, civil commotion, advance in price of material, wages, etc. A letter addressed to the Federation of British Industries by the Far Eastern Section of the London Chamber of Commerce on this subject states:—"The backbone of trade in China is the firm offer and the definite contract, and there is a strong opinion that the present unprecedented practice must seriously affect British prestige and jeopardise British markets in the Far East by diverting business to other countries. The Shanghai Chamber states that American manufacturers are not insisting on any such clause, with the result that large contracts are being placed in the United States, and are, in other words, lost to Great Britain. This is a most important aspect of the matter." A further paragraph in the letter reads: "The Section do not wish to be understood as thinking that British merchants in the East do not appreciate the difficulties of the situation in which manufacturers are placed at present by reason of constant wages increases and so on; but, unquestionably, all possible steps should be taken to allay the fears of foreign buyers that under these clauses arbitrary action may be taken by individuals which will undermine the good name of British merchants, and, through them, of British manufacturers."

It will be of interest to note that the Federation of British Industries has taken steps to bring the matter of the "Fluctuation" clause before the attention of every member of their great organization, as the utmost importance is attached to it. The difficulties of the situation are admitted to be considerable, and they apply not only to China but in varying degrees of seriousness to other markets. In a communication addressed to manufacturers the Federation point out that "to the Chinese, whose own word is as good as their bond, the name of Great Britain has always represented their conception of the highest standard of commercial integrity. They are unable to understand a contract which is neither definite nor binding." In the view of the Federation it is believed that through whole-hearted co-operation in individual cases between the manufacturer and his agent in China a means will be devised to solve the problem, "and thus retain our position in what is, after all, one of the greatest potential markets in the world."

Fifteen deaths from influenza were reported in the Colony during last week.
A sale of work in aid of Church funds will be held at Union Church this afternoon.
The typhus epidemic is most serious in Siberia. It is reported that 300 to 400 deaths occur daily.
Many people a week ago witnessed the execution outside Chap Yang-men, Peking, of nine men found guilty of armed robbery at Fangshan-hen, Wuchinghsien, Tungchow and Tientsin.
Major-General Nathaniel Walter Barnardiston, C.B., M.V.O., of the Rye, Great Henny, Essex, and Staverton Park, Suffolk, who commanded the British Force which co-operated with the Japanese in the capture of Tientsin early in the war, has left property of the gross value of £20,000.

The Douglas Steamship Co. has declared an interim dividend of 8 per cent. (8s per share), payable on April 15th.

The programme for to-day and the week-end at the Repulse Bay Hotel will be found in our advertisement columns to-day.

At a Committee meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce held on Monday, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak was appointed Chairman and the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Vice-Chairman, for the ensuing year.

Ten cases (six deaths) of cerebro-spinal fever, three cases (two deaths) of enteric fever and five cases of diphtheria were reported in the Colony during last week. Four cases of diphtheria, one case (one death) of small-pox and one case (one death) of cerebro-spinal fever were reported on Sunday and Monday.

The late Mr. W. D. Little, senior partner in the firm of Messrs. William Little & Co., of Shanghai, whose death has just occurred in England, came to Shanghai over 40 years ago and eventually became head of the firm of Westall, Little & Co., predecessors of the present company. The first time he visited England was after 35 years in the East, when he took his first home leave, and in 1910 he went back home though maintaining his position in the firm. He was about 64 years of age and unmarried, his nearest relatives at home being a brother and sister. Mr. Little, who was a well known and popular member of the community, was a member of most of the clubs then existing in Shanghai, was a keen volunteer, a good rifle shot and up-country man. His association with the S.V.C. extended over many years during the course of which he rose to the rank of major.

The forthcoming performance of Oratorio in St. John's Cathedral on Friday next will be looked forward to with considerable interest, for not only is the programme one of exceptional interest but the chorus is an exceptionally well-balanced one and the list of soloists includes several singers of more than average merit. Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Howard Freeman have not, we believe, sung here before, and as all three have had considerable training their items will be listened to with attention. Mrs. Duncan, who has not sung much since she did such excellent work in Mendelssohn's "Elijah" two years ago, is also singing, as are, also, Mr. C. H. Piercy and Mr. A. H. Compton. These annual performances of Oratorio, which were instituted by Mr. Denman Fuller some years ago, have always been popular and more often than not it has not been possible for many of those present to get seats, particularly if they came late. This year, although the seating of the Cathedral will be considerably added to, it will probably be more difficult than ever to obtain accommodation, as it is well known that there are now many more people in Hongkong than has been the case for some years. For the comfort of all concerned it is hoped that those who wish to be present will come in good time, as the Oratorio will commence at 8.15 p.m. exactly.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

BY COURTESY OF THE "CHINA MAIL."

AUSTRALIA AND TOKYO FLIGHTS.

SINGAPORE, March 29th.
Captain Matthews, who is flying to Australia, and two Italian aviators on their way to Tokyo, have arrived at Singapore. Poullet, the French aviator, has left Singapore for Java. He afterwards proceeds to Rangoon, resuming his flight to Australia.

CANTON NEWS.

March 30th.

BOMB OUTRAGE.
Two loud explosions were heard last night between 8 and 8.30 p.m. One of these explosions took place at the headquarters of the Second Army and the other near Tso Yu-ying's residence in the city. It is stated that bombs were placed under the walls. No one was injured. It is believed that it was an attempt on the life of Lam Fu, the Defence Commissioner of Shuhing, and of Tso, Director of Conservancy.

THE KWANGSI CRISIS.
Shun Chun-huen, Chief Administrative Director to the Military Government, has left for Shikwan to act as arbitrator in the dispute between Li Kan-yuen and Li Li-shan. Fighting between the Kwangsi and the Yunnan troops in the North River region has been stopped. Dr. Wu Ting-fang and his son left for Hongkong the other day. A special delegate has been sent to them, asking them to return to Canton. The absence of Dr. Wu and the resignations of Tong Kai-yew and Lam Po-yik make the position of the Military Government very uncertain.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

(THROUGH MATHEN'S AGENCY.)

IRISH FINANCE.

UNDER NEW HOME RULE BILL.

LONDON, March 29th. A Treasury statement, outlining the financial provisions of the new Home Rule Bill, shows that after deducting the Irish contribution of £18,000,000 for Imperial expenditure the revenue of the Irish Parliament will amount to £28,500,000 and the expenditure to £18,250,000.

RAID ON POLICE HUT.

Armed raiders attacked a police hut at Gortalea, Kerry, in the night, using paraffin bombs and rifles. Six policemen offered resistance to the raiders for two hours and did not surrender until the hut was set on fire, and three of them were wounded. The attackers then rushed in and then made off with the ammunition.

CANADA'S NAVY.

MINISTER'S EXPLANATION.

OTTAWA, March 29th. In the House of Commons, Mr. Ballantyne, the Minister of Naval Affairs, has announced that Canada accepts Great Britain's offer of one light cruiser and two destroyers, and will continue the Canadian Navy on a pre-war basis, but the adoption of a permanent naval policy has been deferred until after the Imperial Conference.

DENIKIN'S FINAL STAND.

ON THE HILLS OF NOVOROSSISK.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 24th. Denikin is preparing for a final stand on the hills of Novorossisk which women and children are evacuating.

TWO AMERICANS CAPTURED.

BY BOLSHIEVICS IN SIBERIA.

WASHINGTON, March 29th. The State Department has instructed Mr. Davis, the United States Ambassador to Great Britain, to inquire as regards two Americans, Dr. R. A. Kennedy and Mr. H. Reynolds, employed by a British concern who, it is reported, have been captured by Bolshievics. The American Agents in Siberia have been asked to investigate also.

FRENCH SPEED RECORD.

MOTOR-BOAT'S PERFORMANCE.

PARIS, March 29th. A Havas message says:—The speed record was yesterday semi-officially beaten by a motor-boat, of French make and fitted with a 45 h.p. motor. It was timed over a course of 500 yards on the Seine near Paris. The speed attained was about 75 miles per hour.

FRENCH DEPUTY'S PAY.

1,000 FRANCS A MONTH MORE.

PARIS, March 29th. A Havas message says:—The French Chamber, yesterday, voted by 374 against 139, the Bill allocating the deputies 1,000 francs a month, in addition to 15,000 francs a year as indemnity (1 for high cost of living).

PRESIDENT WILSON'S NOTE.

EXPLAINS VIEWS REGARDING TURKEY.

LONDON, March 29th. A telegram from Washington states that it is understood that while President Wilson's Note with reference to Turkey, which is despatching shortly, favours the expulsion of the Turks from Constantinople, it also suggests that the question should be left open until Russia is able to participate in the discussions. Armenia should be given all the possible territory with an outlet to the sea.

NOTE OPPOSES THE POSSESSION BY ANY GOVERNMENT OF A PARANOMAL INTEREST IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF ANY PART OF TURKISH TERRITORY.

It is believed that this refers to the Italian occupation of Adalia. Furthermore, the Note does not support the British occupation (sic). The Mohammedan world would resent the expulsion of the Turks from Constantinople.

BRITISH MINERS.

NEGOTIATIONS NOT BROKEN OFF.

LONDON, March 29th. It transpired today that the Premier's letter to the miners, dated last night, contained a section, which was omitted, stating that the Premier was ready to receive the Executive of the Federation. Consequently the leaders are conferring with the Government and negotiations are proceeding.

PREMIER MODIFIED OFFER.

LONDON, March 29th. At today's sitting with the miners, Mr. Lloyd George made a slightly modified offer, based on percentage principle and guaranteeing minimum increase of 1s. 6d. a day, instead of the flat-rate principle. Subsequent to the miners' Conference discussed the offer and adjourned.

LATER CABLES.

ANOTHER STRIKE EXPECTED.

LONDON, March 24th. The Miners' Federation has advised the Government of the rejection of the latter's offer, and has offered to open negotiations with the Cabinet.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that the Government has no further ammunition to make. The Federation, consequently, is arranging a ballot among the miners on the question. A strike on all the coal-fields is expected. The result of the ballot will not be known before Easter.

LATEST CABLES.

THE UNREST IN GERMANY.

HEAVY FIGHTING NEAR DUTCH FRONTIER.

AMSTERDAM, March 29th.

Heavy fighting is taking place between German Communists and Government troops near the frontier. The authorities are immediately sending troops to the eastern district and calling up three levies as a precautionary measure, as it is anticipated that the Reds may cross the frontier to procure foodstuffs.

It is reported that the newspapers are adversely commenting on the fact that a German minesweeper has been cruising in the Zuiderzee for three days unchallenged. One journal points out that it was no wonder if the Allies suspected the Dutch of favouring the efforts of the German Marine to kidnap the Crown Prince from Wieringen.

DOUBTS IN FRANCE OF GERMAN INTENTIONS.

PARIS, March 29th.

It is reported that 3,500 field guns have been found by the Allied Commission in the vicinity of Berlin. Altogether twelve thousand aeroplanes, with 6,000 intact, have been discovered throughout Germany, whereas under the Peace Treaty Germany should not have more than 200 3-in. guns and no aeroplanes are allowed.

These discoveries, coupled with other information in the possession of the French authorities, has aroused suspicion as to Germany's intentions. In French circles where it is pointed out that Germany has hitherto failed to take any steps to reduce the army to 200,000 within the time limit, which expires within a fortnight, while little has been done towards the fulfilment of thirty-six other clauses of the Treaty, the time limit for which has already expired. French circles believe that Germany's object is to gain time, hoping eventually, wholly or partially, to evade the obligations.

STRANGE DOINGS AT KIEL.

BERLIN, March 29th.

The Chancellery denies the report that a warrant has been issued for General Ludendorff's arrest.

The meeting of the National Assembly, fixed for March 30th, has been indefinitely postponed until the situation clears.

A message from Kiel states that the naval units have deposited all their officers, including the new chief of the station. The appointments were filled up with dockhands who are members of the Republican Officers' League and are accepting orders from the Civil Governor.

BEDS HAVE UPPER HAND.

LONDON, March 29th.

The Berlin Government has negotiated a twenty-four hour armistice with the Reds in the Ruhr region, and it is renewable daily.

The Reds were previous to the armistice advancing steadily, their guns being audible in Holland. The Government troops were digging entrenchments.

THE NEW CABINET.

PARIS, March 29th.

It is reported that the new Cabinet formed is composed entirely of Social Democrats of the Centre party, including Herr Bauer, as Chancellor, Herr Cuno, ex-Director of the Hamburg-Amerika Line, as Finance Minister, and Herr Muller, the Socialist, as Foreign Minister.

GOTHA ISOLATED.

A semi-official statement from Coburg of March 29th states that all communications with Gotha has been cut off.

The Reichswehr losses in the recent fighting at Gotha were 10 killed and 34 wounded; the Revolutionary casualties were over a thousand.

ALLIES WATCHING GERMANY.

PARIS, March 29th.

The Conference of the Allied Ambassadors in Paris, yesterday afternoon, under the presidency of M. Millerand, considered the report of the military experts on the situation in Germany.

EARLIER CABLES.

PURELY SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED.

LONDON, March 24th. While the Spartacists in Westphalia are increasing their successes, the Ebert Government has come to terms with the Parties on the Left, at a cost of further sweeping concessions, for a purely Socialist Government to be formed, to re-establish order and hold an election, while the Reichswehr will be replaced by the Workers' Guard.

GERMANS FIGHTING BELGIAN TROOPS.

PARIS, March 24th.

A telegram from Mayence says that fighting has begun at Duisburg between German insurgents and Belgian troops of occupation.

NEGOTIATING WITH WESTPHALIA.

BERLIN, March 24th.

Dr. Bauer has telegraphed to the Communist Committee at Hagen, Westphalia, promising to cease the movement of troops if the Soviet Government is definitely repudiated and the constitutional authorities reinstated.

The Dutch authorities refuse to recognize the Communist Government.

Berlin remains quiet, except for scuffles in the working-class quarters, where there is food shortage. The railways are resuming to-morrow.

The Government has ordered the removal of all reactionary officers in the Army.

RINGLEADERS TO BE TRIED.

BERLIN, March 24th.

It is officially stated that General von Luttwitz and Admiral von Trotha have been arrested, and that Dr. von Kapp and other ringleaders have disappeared.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS ON GERMAN SITUATION.

LONDON, March 24th.

Reuter's correspondents in Berlin, telegraphing to-day, says that the Trade Unionists and Socialists have issued a manifesto recommending the workers' officials throughout Germany to resume work, owing to the Government's pledge to withdraw the troops from Berlin, to abolish martial law, and to permit the armed workmen particularly in the Ruhr region.

Meanwhile, Reuter's correspondent in Paris, telegraphing on March 24th, says that German officers representing the Ebert Government arrived and interviewed M. Millerand, asking for permission to send Government troops to the neutral zone to restore order.

It is reliably understood that the Allies decided to give the permission, coupled with necessary guarantees for the subsequent withdrawal of German troops.

The possible explanation of this conflicting information may be that the situation in Berlin has changed since the despatch of the Germans to Paris, causing the Ebert Government to revoke a policy involving the sending of troops to the Ruhr region.

It is noteworthy, in this connection, that France is very anxious that order should be restored in the Ruhr district, as the continuation of her industries largely depends on the coal she is receiving from that region.

A SIGNIFICANT REQUEST.

PARIS, March 24th.

A German Military Mission has arrived to request the Allies to authorize the German Government to despatch 100,000 troops to the neutral zone.

A semi-official announcement in this connection expresses the opinion that despatch of troops is unnecessary since normal conditions are being restored under the Workers' Councils. Moreover, it is most likely to revive the conflict than otherwise.

RAILWAY STRIKE IN SPAIN.

NO DISTURBANCES YET.

MADRID, March 24th.

A general railway strike has begun throughout Spain. So far there have been no disturbances.

RACING "AT HOME".

LONDON, March 24th.

The result of the Lincolnshire Handicap was as follows:—

Farinos 1
Montebell 2
Twenty-nine run. Won by three lengths, half a length separating second and third.

Betting:—Furious 33 to 1, Scatwell 20 to 1, Monteith 9 to 1.

OBITUARY.

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD.

LONDON, March 24th.

The death is announced of Mrs. Humphry Ward, the well-known novelist, and one of the first seven women magistrates.

SHANGHAI COTTON MANUFACTURING CO.

FACTURING CO.

IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT.

STRONG BRITISH SYNDICATE FORMED.

Yesterday's developments with reference to the Shanghai Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd., says the N.C. Daily News of March 29th, were of the greatest importance and interest.

It will be remembered that the agents of the Company, following upon the judgment of the H.K. Supreme Court, issued a notice calling an extraordinary general meeting to consider a resolution that the Company be wound up, and that Messrs. N. Thomson and E. S. Wilkinson be appointed liquidators. The effect of the carrying of this resolution would be, roughly, that the business would be for sale.

Yesterday's news was to the effect that a strong syndicate had been formed, the intention being to buy up the Company, and retain it as a British concern. This, according to the new Order in Council, would necessitate the resignation of the Messrs. Thomson and Wilkinson as managers of the Company.

The financial backing of the syndicate is considerable, and it may work in one of two ways. For instance, between now and the date of the extraordinary meeting it may be able to purchase sufficient shares in the market to obtain a majority and thus prevent the Company being wound up. In this event, a change of management would have to follow. If this course is not followed, the syndicate funds itself unable to purchase a sufficient number of shares, it might start operations after the winding up and enter the market as a purchaser of the business. In any event the situation is full of interest, and will be watched closely.

The strength of the syndicate may be gauged by the present value of Shanghai Cotton shares. While the capital of the Company is £1,200,000, its £140 shares are at present standing at nine times that value, giving a present value to the Company of £1,260,000. The shares have not recently changed in price between the December settlement and to-day, whereas other cotton shares have shown an appreciable increase. It is suggested that this is due to the new Order in Council calling for the British management of the Company, which naturally introduced a somewhat uncertain factor into the Company's future.

At present values, therefore, it is quite likely that the sum of £1,260,000 does not actually represent the price which in other circumstances the shares would fetch, and this fact indicates the strength of the syndicate.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Automobile Association was held yesterday evening at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Commander Beckwith (Chairman) presided and there were also present Mr. Mr. R. B. Holyoak, Dr. G. M. Harston, Messrs. C. C. Hickling, A. E. Crappell, U. M. Wilson, C. Lauritsen (Committee) and W. E. Noorda (Secretary). There was a fair attendance of members.

GOVERNMENT'S ROAD PROGRAMME.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission I propose to take the accounts as read. I do not think there is anything in them calling for comment, except, perhaps, the fact that we are in a sound financial position, having a credit balance of \$1,787.48. The membership of the Association has during the year increased by 81 and now stands at 201. Considerable progress has been made in the matter of roads, and during the last few months the main road from Lai-chi-ko to Castle Peak has been opened to traffic as well as the road from Repulse Bay to Shauiwan. The best thanks of motorists are due to the Government for providing these roads. With regard to the road round the island, I would urge upon the Government to take immediate steps to improve the road from Shauiwan to Causeway Bay. This portion of the 24 mile run is the weak link in the chain, and is in fact a veritable death trap, particularly at Taihook. I understand that the Government's programme of road work for the present year is quite extensive. The road from Morrison Hill Gap Road to Bowen Road is now practically completed, and the continuation of it to Wanchai Gap will probably be completed by the end of September. A new road is to be made from Wanchai Gap to Magazine Gap, the centre line of which has already been laid out, and the trace has been out of a new road from Bowen Road to Repulse Bay Road. It is also proposed to commence the construction of a road from Tytan Gap to the Sheds and Agalliar. In April last we were called upon by the Director of Public Works to express our views on gradients, which we did with much pleasure. It is particularly gratifying when we find that Government Departments are ready to seek the opinion of those interested, and we trust that the precedent thus formed will be followed on many future occasions. We are indebted to the Director of Public Works for his courtesy in supplying information asked for at various times, and also appreciate the attention given by him to complaints which we have made.

THE CHAUFFEURS' PROBLEM. The Committee feel very strongly that the wages at present being paid to chauffeurs are much too high, and have endeavoured, without success up to the present, to get them reduced. The real trouble would appear to be the shortage of chauffeurs, and this can only be overcome by training additional men. A school for motorists was considered by the Y.M.C.A. but up to the present nothing has been done, the difficulty being the provision of vehicles for demonstration purposes and for driving. While on the subject of chauffeurs, I want to mention a matter which was referred to at the last General Meeting, namely Character Books. These are being sadly neglected, and unless employers will see to it that the Character Books are retained in their possession and proper entries made there in, the whole scheme is useless. The instruction given to chauffeurs by the Police is that the Character Books are to be handed to and kept by the employers, but I understand that this is rarely done, and that most of the books are stored away by the chauffeurs in their motor cars. Another point is with regard to chauffeurs' licences, and I am informed that there are owners who employ drivers without having seen that they have a licence at all. It were to keep proper control on the chauffeurs, owners must inspect the man's licence before engaging him, and should at the same time obtain the Character Book from him.

NEW NUMBER PLATES. New number plates will shortly be supplied by the Police authorities for all motor cars and motor cycles at a reasonable cost. These plates will be embossed, and will be according to the regulations laid down. Orders for these can be sent to the Police at once. The latter "A" as part of the number is no longer of value, and will not appear on the new plates. As you will remember, this letter was to be taken by the Police as an indication that the owner wished an occasional report to be made to him of the car being on the road, and this it was thought would stop chauffeurs using their employers' cars without authority. Numerous cases of this offence were found by the Police, but little or no action was taken by the employer on the report being received, and it has, therefore, been decided to discontinue the check.

PRICE OF MOTOR SPIRIT.

During the year the price of "Shell" motor spirit has been reduced by 80 cents per gallon, and it is hoped that a further reduction will be made in the near future. Arrangements have been made for Kowloon members to obtain the motor spirit at the special price applicable to members, from the Tai-kok-tai installation of the Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd.

At the last General Meeting, a member raised the question of a rest or club house at Castle Peak, and this matter received the earnest consideration of your Committee. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak very generously offered to present to the Association a site which was selected, but difficulties arose owing to the Government having made other arrangements with regard to that particular piece of land. I do not think that the provision of such a Club House is an urgent matter, and it will probably be some time before it is carried out.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE WAS ELECTED:—

President: The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

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THE UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

RECEPTION IN HONOUR OF MISS MARIE TEMPEST.

The Hongkong University Dramatic and Musical Society took the opportunity afforded to them by the visit of Miss Marie Tempest to the Colony to demonstrate to the popular English actress their interest in dramatic art. Through the kindness of Professor and Mrs. Jordan, they were able to give various items of a rather unique programme, especially arranged for the occasion, at the residence of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor.

The chief idea of those who arranged the entertainment, evidently had been to present variety, as well as mainly representative of different parts of the Far East. There was a Mandarin song, one in Cantonese, while one of the students from Siam sang in his native language. Of course, Miss Tempest will, probably, find it difficult to recognize any of the words again, but she was evidently interested in the different types of singing. There was also an instrumental quintette in which various Chinese instruments were used and which sounded very melodious.

Miss Marie Tempest very kindly responded to the repeated requests of the students and sang charmingly two songs. As it is to emphasize the international character of art, she sang one in French and the other in English. Needless to say, she was loudly applauded.

The last item of the programme was a small play in which three Chinese girls, the Misses E. and M. Lo and Miss S. H. Ng—from St. Stephen's Girls' School took part. It was rendered in English, which was perfect, and bore excellent testimony to the care of the teachers in their school.

Mention should be made of the topical song of which the words were written by Mr. Harry H. Shing who very easily persuaded the audience to join in the catching refrain of the chorus. One of the verses, in which the author refers to Miss Tempest's visit, is given below:—

"She has come here to-day
Our 'Varsity to grace;
Homage to her we pay,
But nothing that we say
Can show our happiness
That, at our own behest,
She would listen to this—
Altho' some notes were miss."

As an actual fact, Mr. Shing did miss some of the notes, so that there was excuse for the roar of laughter which came from the undergraduates when he finished the last line—laughter in which H.E. the Governor and Miss Tempest joined heartily.

At the close of the proceedings, Professor Jordan introduced Mr. Mustapa bin Usman to Miss Tempest and the audience and as Mr. Mustapa is the President of the University Dramatic and Musical Society, he had the honour of reading the address which the Committee of the Society presented to Miss Tempest. This address was very neatly bound in leather with a suitable inscription on the cover. Two other members of the Society then presented a long scroll, full of Chinese characters which Miss Tempest proceeded to read, but, fortunately, she subsequently provided Miss Tempest with a translation.

One of the most remarkable pieces of work was done by Dr. Pearce, the Warden of Morrison Hall. In it, a reference was made in the most subtle manner to the dramatic art of Miss Tempest.

When Miss Tempest replied she received a great ovation, and it was quite obvious that she was only speaking the truth when she said that she had been greatly touched by the warmth of her reception. She spoke in most feeling terms of the beauty of the Colony, and said that her surprise at the great ability shown by the members of the Dramatic and Musical Society had been equalled only by her delight and surprise at seeing the glorious scenery of Hongkong.

Dr. Jordan thanked his Excellency the Chancellor for his presence, which was greatly appreciated by the members of the Society, and Miss Tempest, in her all too few remarks, paid a graceful tribute to his Excellency for so kindly encouraging those who wish to develop the dramatic art. At the close of the proceedings, hearty cheers were given for Miss Tempest.

At the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, before Mr. N. L. Smith, the hearing was concluded of a case in which a Chinese living at No. 1, Mercer Street, was charged with the unlawful possession of one ounce of prepared opium, 198 opium labels, and 20 rounds of revolver ammunition.

The contraband was found under the mattress of the defendant's bed.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, (instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almeida) appeared for the defence, and denied possession or knowledge of the presence of the contraband in his room. The defendant was absent from his room all night previous to the day of the raid, and it was possible that the contraband was put under the mattress during his absence. Counsel said he was not saying anything in an attempt to prove his client's innocence, because the onus of proof lay with the defence. It was up to the prosecution to prove not only that the contraband was under his bed mattress but also to prove that he knew it was there. The first step to take towards proving a charge of possession, said counsel, was to prove the guilty knowledge of the defendant. After that had been conclusively proved, one could go on to prove possession and a thousand other things. If guilty knowledge could not be proved, then the prosecution failed.

His Worship said he was, difficult to believe that the defendant was not aware of the presence of the contraband under the mattress on which he was lying, but, on the other hand, the variety of contraband found under the mattress was not a common thing.

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POSSESSION OF OPIUM.

INTERESTING DECISION AT THE MAGISTRACY.

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PHYSICIANS' RECOMMENDATION

UNIONISM IN JAPANESE FACTORIES.

SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT OF JAPANESE WORKERS.

A scheme for effecting a big combination among the workers at all the Japanese Government factories is proceeding apace. In spite of the rainy weather, there were a large number of such workers at a labour meeting which was held at the Em-mado, Koishikawa, Tokyo, recently. The meeting was called under the auspices of the Koishikawa Labour Association, consisting largely or exclusively of the workers at the Tokyo Military Arsenal. Among those present were three workers representing the Yokosuka Naval Arsenal. Mr. Adachi, a secretary of the Koishikawa Labour Association, opened the meeting with a short address, and the discussion of various subjects including the attitude of the Government towards the workers, the forthcoming General Election, and the creation of a big combination of all the workers at the Government factories. At the meeting it was agreed that they should devise proper methods and steps in order to place their living on a stable basis, and to elevate their position; that a big combination among the workers at the Government works at Tokyo, Osaka, Atsuta, Yokosuka, Muroran, Maizuru and other places should be effected; and that every effort should be made to secure the election of such candidates at the forthcoming General Election as were advocates of universal suffrage.

It is expected that the Tokyo workers will formally approach the workers at the Government factories at Osaka and other places, with a suggestion that their cause should be enthusiastically taken up.

A LUNATIC LOVER.

STRANGE ADVENTURES AT AN ASYLUM.

Three female patients at the Ishimaru Lunatic Asylum at Kumanoda-mura, Oosaka-fu, suddenly disappeared one evening. A search was instituted for the missing lunatics, as soon as the fact became known, and the following day the youngest of the three women, Yoshiwara Sode, was discovered by a search party loitering about in a wood in the vicinity in company with Suzuki Teikichi, formerly an attendant employed at the hospital. They were immediately taken to the asylum. It appears that Suzuki Teikichi was dismissed from his post at the asylum on account of misbehaviour some time ago and was working in Oosaka and Kobe. During his service at the asylum he became friendly with the female lunatic, with whom he was found and who is described as a beautiful woman 24 years old, and the temptation to take her out of the asylum secretly was so keen upon him that he conceived the daring scheme of stealing her out of confinement under cover of darkness. He stole into the asylum on the night in question, with that object, when two other inmates were aroused from their sleep, and they implored him to take them out of the asylum too. He complied, and took them into a mountain, where he managed to leave the two women to take care of themselves. He and his woman friend soon lost their way, and were wandering about in the wood when they were discovered. As to the two other women, one was discovered and taken back to the asylum but the other was not found.

FRAUDULENT KOBE BROKERS BUCKET-SHOP TACTICS.

The Kobe Prefectural Criminal Department recently arrested six brokers charged with defrauding a dozen Japanese firms in Kobe and Osaka of some ¥30,000. The hotel was the result of a campaign started by the Department following an investigation recently made by the Peace Department of the Kencho into speculation in Kobe. It is alleged that since October last year the six men fraudulently obtained as bargain money ¥2,300 from the Sano Yoko of Itachibori, Osaka, on a future transaction in iron plate to the amount of ¥24,000, which it was pretended had already been shipped at an American port. Later by the same device they succeeded in extracting ¥5,700, also as bargain money, from the Sanyo Iron Works of Hachiman-dori, 5-chome, Kobe. In December last year an iron broker, of Imabashi, Higashi-ku, Osaka, was swindled of ¥4,300 as bargain money in a future transaction of ¥43,000. The Yabuki Shoten, of Hachiman-dori, 3-chome, Kobe, also suffered a loss of ¥3,500, 300 tons of iron plate, valued, nominally, at ¥35,000, being the commodity.

In this way the men are alleged to have defrauded several other merchants in Kobe and Osaka. Most of the offenders are natives of Tottori City, educated at Keio College, Meiji University and the Foreign Language School of Tokyo. The frauds seem to have been done in style, the men having a prosperous-looking office and boasting of large capital.

REPRESENTATION IN NEW STATES.

JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE PROPOSAL.

In view of the unavoidable delay in opening Legations and Consulates in the new European States, caused by the failure of the Budget to pass the Diet, says the Japan Times, the Foreign Office is going to adopt an emergency plan of appointing Diplomatic Agents in countries like Poland, where representation is considered to be most important at present.

The Foreign Office will also appropriate extraordinary funds for establishing Consular and Police Agents, who have practically been carrying on the business of a regular consulate in Manchuria as a permanent institution.

THE CORONET

To the Picturegoing Public of
Hongkong.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Last year a photoplay was produced in America which at once became the talk of the entire country. The principal actor, who was also the author of the story, was inundated with letters of congratulation from every one of the forty-eight States of the Union. President Wilson wrote officially congratulating him upon his dual achievement: so did the governors and high officials of each separate State from Maine to Washington and from Texas to North Dakota. The presidents of fair business applauded his photoplay, LABOR UNIONS WERE NO LESS ENTHUSIASTIC. The picture went to England and met with the same success. Newspaper clippings from Australian and Canadian papers show that it played in both those dominions for prolonged runs and to full houses. Its name will be familiar to you from advertisements even if you have not seen it. It is "THE WORLD AFIRE."

When I booked this outstanding production for the Coronet, I decided to make a test of it. To use it, in a word, as a means of finding out whether the public of Hongkong were in favour of better pictures, or whether, in order to gain their patronage, it was necessary to present the class of films that are no longer tolerated elsewhere. In the latter event I determined that my energies could be more honourably employed in other directions, even if at a less remuneration. Up to the present the public response has been disappointing, so I now make this personal appeal to everyone who has at heart the interests of a form of entertainment that besides being amusing and dramatic possesses cleanliness and the stimulation of a Message, to make an effort to see "The World Afire" and to express freely their preference or otherwise for pictures of the standard it sets. Without any imputation of self-glorification I ask you to consider the style of pictures you saw before I started at the Coronet and the long roll of glorious productions I have procured for Hongkong cinema-goers during my fifteen months in the business. The Yankee Way, Jack and the Beanstalk, Tarzan of the Apes, The Romance of Tarzan, My Four Years in Germany, Mickey, Intolerance, Hearts of the World, Revelation, Thais, Toys of Fate, The Auction Block, Sporting Life, The Heart of Humanity, Dodging a Million, Pantheas, De Luxe Annie, The Honor System, The Better Ofs and now The World Afire. I venture to say that there is no theatre in the world the size of the Coronet that can claim such a record. But it is, unfortunately, also a fact that these pictures were not by any means the pictures that made the money, indeed at least six of them were shown at a loss.

What am I to do? Am I to follow my own artistic conscience and play to half empty houses, or am I to show pictures like THREE WEEKS and retire in three years with a fortune? Surely there are sufficient people in Hongkong who care for what is clean and thought stimulating as well as for what is clever and amusing to make it worth while for me to continue along the line I have laid down for myself. I look confidently to all who have as I do, that a play should depend upon the strength of its story and the excellence of its acting and photography, and that the essence of a joke should be its wit and not its vulgarity, to turn up at the Coronet to-day, to-morrow and Friday and give this great picture that it deserves.

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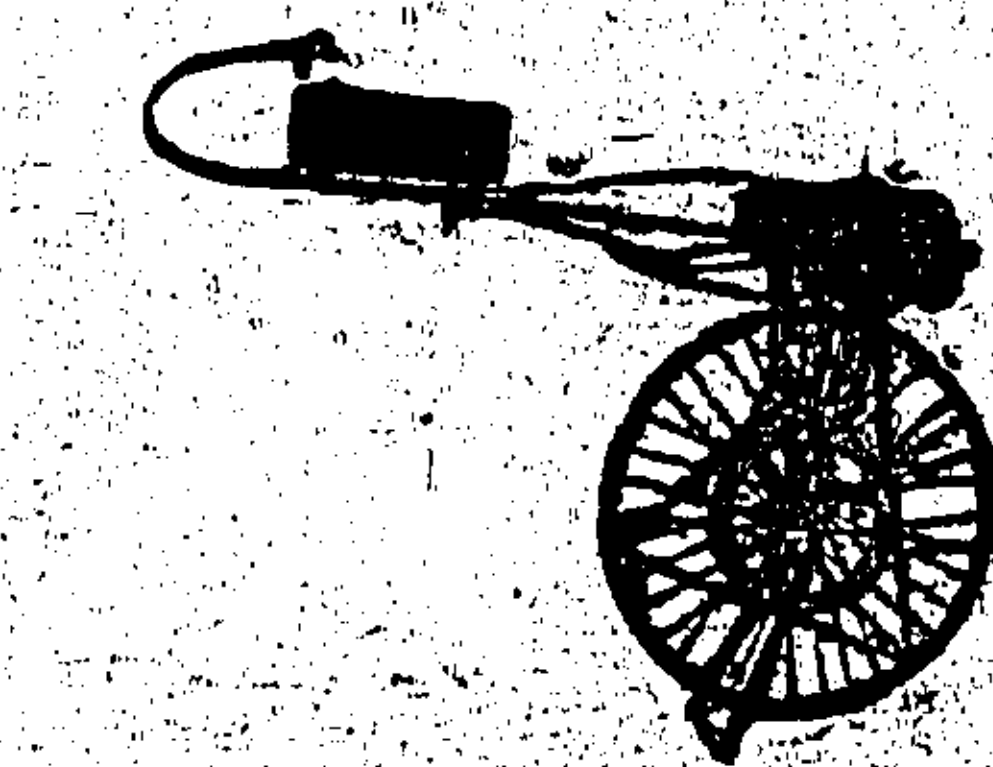
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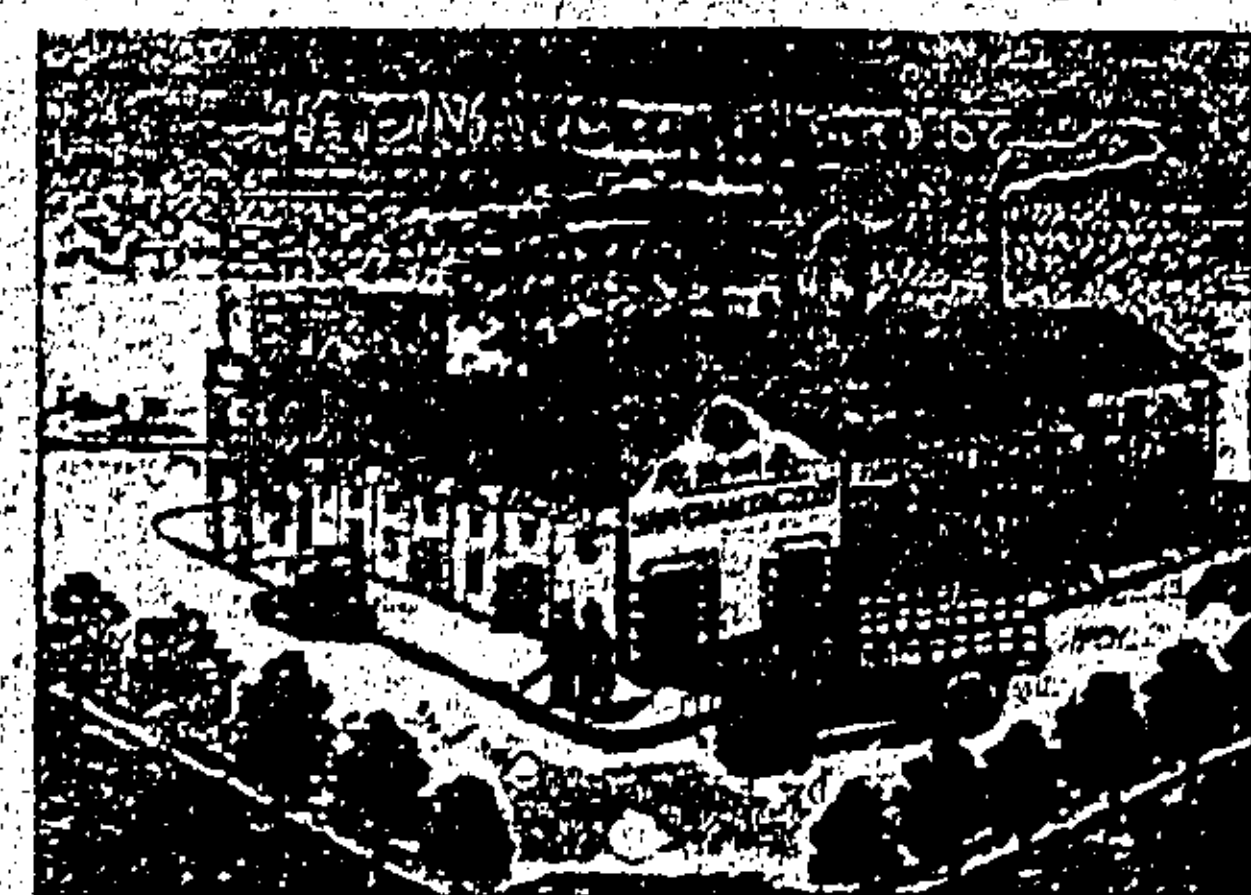
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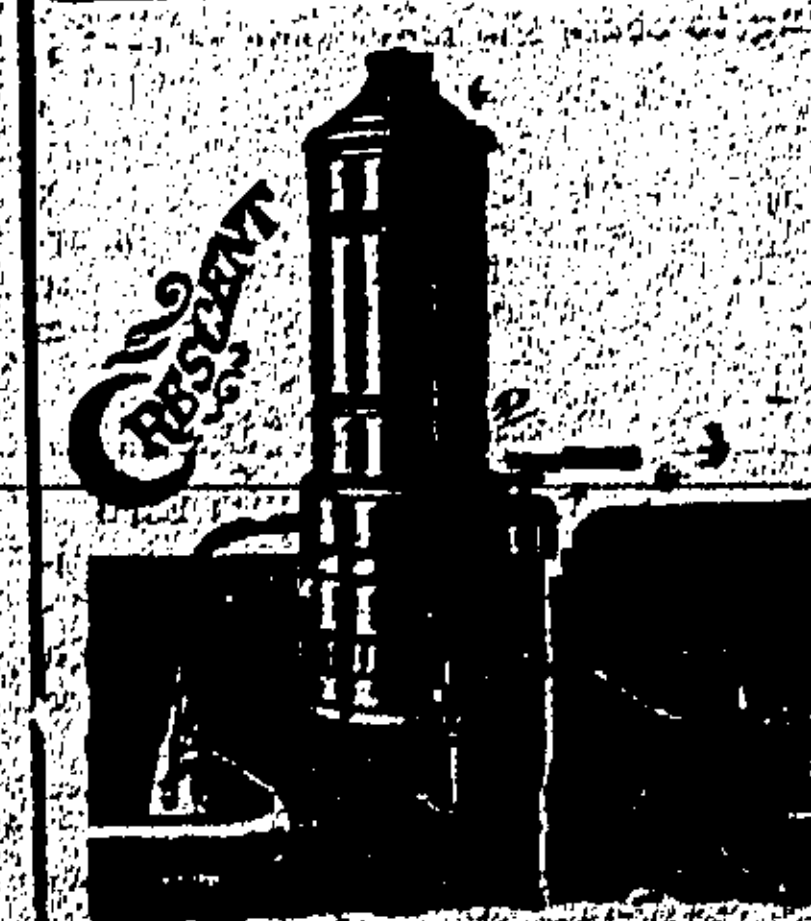
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The Washington correspondent of the *Sun* says that America's foreign policy for the remainder of President Wilson's administration will be based on the principle that there is no League of Nations as far as America is concerned. America's first measure will be a tentative recognition of the Soviet Government, conditioned on its good behaviour; the re-opening of trade with Russia; the second the settlement of the Adriatic question along the lines desired by President Wilson; the third the creation of the 'Four Big Powers' in Europe and the internationalization of Constantinople and the Dardanelles; and the fourth the approval of the agreements reached by the members of the League. Whether to join the League will be decided at a poll in November, but meanwhile America will give a 'nonofficial' advice to the League, though not an actual member.

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March 30th.

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Hai Yang, for Saigon.
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Empress of Russia	Aug. 26	Sept. 13
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